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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC

Warren County Court House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street and Fourth Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Warren

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Warren

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC (county) PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Warren County Commissioners

STREET & NUMBER

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Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warren County Court House was designed by M.E. Beebe of Buffalo, New York in a style combining Italian Renaissance and French architectural concepts. Construction was begun in 1876 and completed in 1877. The materials used are mellow red brick, grey sandstone, slate and iron.

The building measures 72 feet by 122 feet and is modulated by corner "towers" which rise as high as the roofline and by a central entrance projection which is surmounted by a classical pediment with heavy dentil and bracket work. The first story angles and projections have chamfered quoins rising to the broad moulded string course and then continuing through the second story as plain pilasters terminating at the wide overhanging cornice in carved stone capitols. First story windows are arranged in pairs and have molded arches with keystone. Windows on the second story are aligned with the first story windows but are taller and have molded round arches.

A wide overhanging cornice supported by heavy brackets forms the base for the convex mansard roof. The roof line is accentuated on all sides by shallow dormers. The dormers are heavily ornamented with full pedimented gables and carved consoles. The roof peak is surmounted by iron grill work and elaborate finials. A large 4-sided dome with convex sides rises above the roof. A square clock tower rises from the dome. The tower is surmounted by a smaller 4-side convex roof which is topped by a statue of justice. The decoration on the dome is very elaborate and in the window detail features much carved wood work of a sculptural nature. The triple baroque window on the main facade is particularly impressive.

The Court House is in excellent condition and has undergone only minor changes. A small addition was made to the rear of the building in 1925. The latter addition has been done in similar style and construction.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1876-1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT M. E. Beebe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren County Court House was built at a total cost of \$100,000. The large brick and stone building was designed by M. E. Beebe of Buffalo, N. Y. in an Italian Renaissance style. The court house occupies a corner lot in an area originally intended to be Warren's business center. The area however became a residential area and the court house has long served as an aesthetic landmark in Warren. The court house with its exuberant and often Baroque detail is an excellent example of the 19th Century Victorian court house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Buildings in Warren County, Vol. 1, September 1971, Warren County Historical Society.

Atlas of Warren County, 1878, Howden & Odbert (engraving).

"Warren County Court House", pamphlet, 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.75 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	65,381,0	4,634,42,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Chase Putman, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Warren County Historical Society

DATE

7-22-76

STREET & NUMBER

210 Fourth Avenue, P. O. Box 427

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Warren

STATE

Pennsylvania 16365

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:


NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Executive Director

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

Nov. 1, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

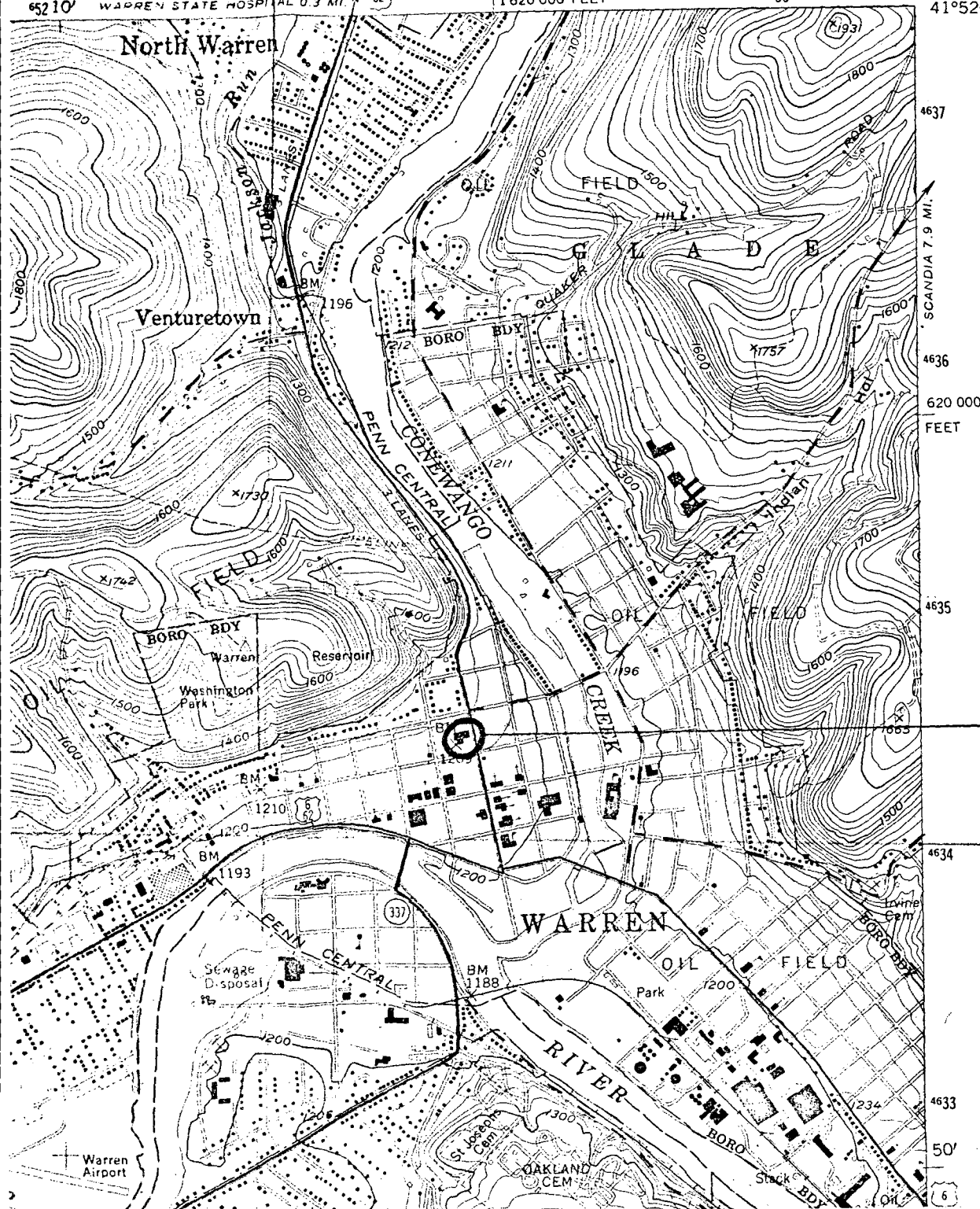
DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

WARREN QUADRANGLE
 PENNSYLVANIA—WARREN CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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 (SCANDIA)

65210' WARREN STATE HOSPITAL 0.3 MI. 62 1 620 000 FEET 655 79°07'30" 41°52'30"



WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Warren County
 ZONE 17 653 810 4634 420

**WARREN
 COUNTY
 COURT
 HOUSE**

zone 17

N	46	34	426
E	6	53	810